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PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. 15966-577 (CURA-77)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Shimkets *et al.*  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/662,783 EXAMINER: Dong Jiang  
FILING DATE: September 12, 2000 ART UNIT: 1646  
FOR: GROWTH FACTOR POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Boston, Massachusetts  
March 9<sup>th</sup> 2005

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before March 9, 2005. A check in the amount of \$510.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-577. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Naomi S. Biswas".

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